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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. QYTWG GDS

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR EMBASSY BEIRUT

REF: DAMASCUS 4435

1. WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE CONVOY SET UP TO ROLL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL OF MURPHY (ETA 1105 JULY 12). THIS PROBABLY MEANS CONVOY DEPARTURE EARLY JULY 13 IN ORDER TO MAKE ENTIRE TRIP DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. CONVOY WOULD CONSIST OF THE THREE BEIRUT EXPRESS TRUCKS BRINGING PERSONNEL (MURPHY, PROVYN, AND ALLEN), SUPPLIES, AND VEHICLES TO BEIRUT. SUGGEST YOU MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR CONVOY'S ESCORT FROM FINAL SYRIAN CHECKPOINT JULY 13. WE FORESEE NO PROBLEMS UP TO THAT POINT.

2. SUBJECT YOUR APPROVAL, AND PROVIDING IT CAN BE DONE PHYSICALLY, WE RECOMMEND SENDING ARMORED CARS ON TRUCKS, AS THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY OF BRAKE FAILURE DURING TRIP. WILL BEIRUT BE ABLE TO OFF-LOAD THEM? IF TRUCK VEHICLES NOT POSSIBLE, SHOULD WE ONLY SEND ONE VEHICLE WITH THIS CONVOY?

3. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD PLAN TO SEND VEHICLES AND SUPPLIES ON HAND JULY 11 WITHOUT WAITING FOR MURPHY

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OR SPLIT CONVOY IN ANY WAY PREFERRED BY YOU.

ADVISE.
MURPHY

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